

Possible Topics for Your Letters

Share your thinking about:

- Something that surprised you or that you found interesting
- What you like or dislike about the book and why
- An interesting or important character
- Parts of the book that puzzled you or made you ask questions
- What the story means to you
- Your thoughts and feelings about the author's message
- What you noticed about the characters, such as what made them act as they did or how they changed
- Why you think the author chose the title
- Your predictions and whether they were right
- How the information in the book fits with what you already know
- How the book reminds you of yourself, or people you know or of something that happened in your life
- How the book is like other books by the same author, on the same topic, or in the same genre
- How the book reminds you of other books, especially the characters, events, or setting
- The ending and your feelings about it—DON'T GIVE IT AWAY!
- The language the author used and what you thought about it
- The author's craft—what was good about the author's writing
- Why you chose the book
- Why you think the author wrote the book
- Whether or not you would recommend the book to another reader and why

- What you would change about the book
- Examples of stereotypes or biases
- Whether the book is easy, just right, or challenging for you and how you know
- The genre and its characteristics
- The author's use of time in the story
- How the setting affects the characters
- How the author captured your interest or pulled you into the book
- How the author builds suspense
- What you want to remember about this book
- New insights or understandings you have